

REMARKS

Claims 1-21 are listed as pending in the application, which claims are subject to restriction under 35 U.S.C. §121.

DISCUSSION

In the Office Action mailed August 5, 2005, the Examiner required restriction under 35 U.S.C. §121 as follows:

Group I: claims 1-12 and 18, in part, drawn to compounds/compositions of Formula (I), wherein A is piperidinyl; B is phenyl or Het¹ = pyridinyl or pyrimidinyl; etc., classified in class 514/544/546, various subclasses;

Group II: claims 1-12 and 18, in part, drawn to compounds/compositions of Formula (I), wherein A is piperazinyl, azetidiny, or pyrrolidinyl; B is phenyl or Het¹ = pyridinyl or pyrimidinyl; etc., classified in class 514/540/544/548, various subclasses;

Group III: claims 1-12 and 18, in part, drawn to compounds/compositions of formula (I), containing compounds not encompassed in Groups I-II, classified in class 514/540/544/548/549, various subclasses;

Group IV: claims 13-17, drawn to methods of use of compounds of formula (I), classified in class 514, various subclasses;

Group V: claim 19, drawn to compounds of formula (II), classified in class 540/544/548/549, various subclasses; and

Group VI: claims 20-21, drawn to complex compositions, classified in class 514, various subclasses.

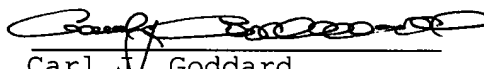
Applicants make provisional election, with traverse, of the compounds of Group I. In response to the request for a species election of Group I compounds, Applicants elect the compound of Example 17, e.g., 4-(4-benzyl-5-benzyloxymethyl-

4H-[1,2,4]triazol-3-yl)-3,4,5,6-tetrahydro-2H-[1,2']bipyridinyl. Applicant's provisional election of species is made as an accommodation to the Examiner for searching purposes only and may not be used as the basis for performing an incomplete search limited to such species or an improper further restriction to such species in the event the generic claim(s) are otherwise allowable.

A prompt and favorable action on the merits is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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